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SUBJECT: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PORTUGAL

REF: (A) STATE 100831, (B) OSLO 1981, (C) STATE 88960

1. AMBASSADOR ON MAY 2 CALLED ON NORWEGIAN FINANCE MINISTER KLEPPE
TO MAKE PRESENTATION ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PORTUGAL. KLEPPE
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REITERATED SPECIAL NORWEGIAN CONCERNS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY--
BALANCE OF PAYMENTS VS. DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND THE "SPECIAL
CIRCUMSTANCES" PERTAINING TO PORTUGAL--BUT OTHERWISE CONFIRMED
GON'S WILLINGNESS TO HELP PORTUGAL AND OPENNESS
TO DISCUSSIONS OF MODALITIES. KLEPPE IN THIS REGARD SAID GON
WOULD ATTEND PARIS MEETING.

2. WE HAVE ALSO DELIVERED DIPLOMATIC NOTES TO FINANCE AND FOREIGN MINISTRIES (REF A). IN FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATIONS WITH SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED FOLLOWING POINTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO EMBOFF:

(A) NEW DIRECTION IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE EFFORT REALLY MOVES AWAY FROM NOTION OF CONSORTIUM AND IS NOW MERELY A "COORDINATED LENDING EFFORT."

(B) WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF A COORDINATED EFFORT THERE IS PERHAPS LATITUDE FOR VARYING TYPES OF CONTRIBUTIONS. THE GON COULD THEREFORE EITHER PARTICIPATE IN THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS EFFORT OR CONSIDER GIVING A SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT LOAN. WHATEVER FORM THE GON CONTRIBUTION EVENTUALLY TAKES, NORWEGIANS WANT IT TO BE CONSIDERED PART OF THE US-LED EFFORT.

(C) BECAUSE OF CHANGE OF EMPHASIS THE MATTER WILL AGAIN BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE CABINET FOR ITS STAMP OF APPROVAL. (FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS DO NOT ANTICIPATE PREVIOUS COMMITMENT TO HELP PORTUGAL TO BE WITHDRAWN.)

(D) GON IS LOOKING FORWARD TO DISCUSSING ARRANGEMENTS IN GREATER DETAIL IN PARIS, AND WILL BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN PORTUGUESE AND IMF PRESENTATIONS. (IN THIS REGARD WE WOULD APPRECIATE NAMES AND TITLES OF PORTUGUESE REPS TO PARIS MEETING TO PASS ON TO GON).

3. WE ANTICIPATE A FORMAL RESPONSE TO DIPLOMATIC NOTE NEXT WEEK, HOPEFULLY WITH NAME OR NAMES OF NORWEGIAN REPRESENTATIVES TO PARIS MEETING.

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